



# City News



City of Waterville

January / February 2010

## Upcoming Holidays

All City departments, except emergency services, will be **CLOSED** in observance of the following holidays as shown:

New Year's Day  
January 1



Martin Luther  
King Jr. Day  
January 18

President's  
Day  
February 15



Reminder...



Valentine's Day  
is Sunday,  
February 14

## Reminders

## Police News



In photos: Clarence Bickford, Mike Roy and Amanda Domini (in RAD protective gear), and the Police Dept.'s RAD instructor, Officer Jen Weaver.

The Rape Aggression Defense System is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The R.A.D. System is a comprehensive, women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. R.A.D. is not a Martial Arts program. Our courses are taught by nationally certified R.A.D.

Instructors and provide each student with a

workbook / reference manual. This manual outlines the entire Physical Defense Program for reference and continuous personal growth, and is the key to our *free lifetime return and practice policy* for R.A.D. graduates.

The Waterville Police Department now offers the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) System Course with realistic hands-on, self-defense tactics and techniques for

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## Finance News



### Linda Cote is Now a Certified Tax Collector

*Robert G. Boschen, Jr., Finance Director*

When a tax collector is appointed, one goal should be to become certified in the position. To become certified, a tax collector must complete the mandatory classes, complete other approved optional related training, and attend the MMTCTA Annual Conference for three years. Once all of these objectives are met, an applicant may submit an application for certification. All courses and training must be taken within five years before the date of the application.

#### Areas of training (not all-inclusive):

Municipal Law for Tax Collectors • Tax Liens • Excise Tax • Governmental Accounting I • Cash Handling • Customer Service • Payroll Procedures • BMV Workshops and Training • MOSES Training or Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Training

Linda can receive her certification in person at the May 2010 MMTCTA (Maine Municipal Tax Collectors' and Treasurers' Association) annual conference. **Congratulations, Linda!**



## Parks & Recreation News

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!! Sorry Mark, Karl and everyone else at Public Works. Our trails at Quarry Road are open to the public and already getting lots of use. Next week, the Central Maine Ski Club will begin cross-country ski lessons for children K-8. There will also be a noon class on Wednesdays for adults. **FMI:** [centralmaineskiclub.org](http://centralmaineskiclub.org). If you are not a skier or snowshoer, don't worry. Just grab your boots and get out for some fresh air and exercise. We will be grooming the "old" Quarry Road for walkers and dogs.

Thanks to the generosity of private donors and Foundations, the City was able to purchase two pieces of equipment to help groom our winter trails. This month, we



*Utility Snowmobile for Trail Grooming*

purchased a Pisten Bully Groomer and Utility Snowmobile. This equipment will allow us to groom trails



*Quarry Rd. Storage Shed*

in any condition (just as long as there is snow). Sam and Steve will also be grooming trails at Pine Ridge Golf Course & Waterville Jr. and Senior High Schools.



*Sam Green, Parks Foreman, on the Pisten Bully Groomer*

The City recently received a donation from the Alford Foundation to fund two part-time positions through June 2010. One position is an afterschool coordinator that works at the Alford Youth Center. The other position is shared between Parks & Recreation and the Alford Center. We are pleased to announce that **Sara Fetteroff** has begun working with both entities as the Youth Recreation Coordinator, and will be assisting us with Recreation programming in Waterville. We are all excited about this joint venture, and we hope to be able to expand youth programming throughout the City.

On January 9, we will be

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## Public Works News

**\*\*Note – A portion of this piece was written for the Nov. / Dec. City Newsletter but was inadvertently omitted. Current information was inserted where necessary\*\***

Weather patterns continue to give us a sense that we're on a meteorological roller coaster. Before most of the leaves had even hit the ground this year, we dispatched our sander units to treat frozen road surfaces on Oct. 13 and we experienced our first actual snowstorm of the year in this area on Oct. 18. In November, we experienced a near record amount of rainfall at almost 8" (we average about 4.5" in this area). And, so far, we have experienced below normal temperatures and average snowfall totals for December. Not surprisingly, we had to accelerate our winter preparedness schedule. We again joined forces with the Town of Fairfield hauling in winter sand from a pit in Smithfield. This is our 4th season of participation in these collaborative efforts.

The City, in cooperation with the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG), hosted the annual Household Hazardous Waste & Prescription Drug Disposal Day at LaFleur Airport on Oct. 17. In addition to Waterville, this year's participants included Belgrade, Benton, China, Clinton, Fairfield, Sidney and Winslow. During this annual event, residents are allowed to dispose of hazardous chemicals and other products, prescription and over the counter drugs and other waste materials that are considered harmful to the environment. Additionally, residents were permitted to dispose of TVs, computers and other unwanted electronic equipment. These items will be recycled.

The Department held an Open House at its newly constructed Fleet Maintenance Facility on Oct. 20. City Manager Mike Roy, Department staff and several members of the City Council were on hand for this gathering. The festivities included a tour of the "old and the new," for a reasonably good perspective of the improvements achieved during the past couple years. Attendees were also given a brief overview of what remains to be accomplished as we undertake efforts to upgrade our remaining facility that was constructed in 1954. — *Mark Turner, Director*



## Paul Quirion: 35 Years of Service

With respect and recognition of an outstanding and dedicated individual, we would like to honor Paul Quirion for 35 years of service to the City. Paul's employment with the Public Works Department, began in Sept. 1974. While Paul was recognized at the Employee Recognition Dinner in October, due to a computer reporting error, his gift/certificate will be presented at next year's dinner (a little late but well intended).

*Congratulations on this remarkable achievement!*



## Parks & Rec. News Con't.

hosting the annual Hot Shot Basketball competition. This year MRPA has joined up with the Red Claws in support of this program. **FMI:** check out our [website](#).



The Central Maine Basketball Conference is in full force. Waterville's Parks & Recreation Dept. is the league administrator of this 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade travel basketball league. This year we have four 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls' teams, eight 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys' teams, eleven 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls' teams, and nine 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' teams. The season will wind down with two weekends of playoffs held in Waterville in February.

As many know, Waterville becomes a basketball capital in the months of February and March. Besides the Central Maine Basketball Playoffs, Parks & Recreation also hosts three additional weekends of youth basketball festivals. Registrations for all weekends are underway. **FMI:** Please check out our [website](#).

On February 12 we will be hosting the Annual Father/Daughter Dance at the Waterville Junior High. This amazing event brings in hundreds of fathers and daughters for a magical evening. Please contact the office at 680-4744 for additional info. — *Matt Skehan, Director*

## Police News Continued

The protective equipment allows for one aggressor and eight students to interact physically during the hands-on portion of the training without risking injury. Because of the Bickford's donation, area women participating in the training will learn vital skills in avoiding and protecting themselves against sexual assault and abduction.

### Sign-up Now for the Next 4-Day Training Session

**Dates:** March 2, 4, 9 and 11, 2010

**Fee:** \$25.00

**Times:** 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Waterville  
(call for exact location)

**Contact:** Officer Weaver, Waterville Police Dept. 680-4700 (or) Meg Hatch, Sexual Assault Crisis and Support Center 692-3072



## Local Events

### Downtown Winter Farmers' Market

Every Third Thursday thru April 15

2:00 – 4:00 PM

[www.WatervilleFarmersMarket.org](http://www.WatervilleFarmersMarket.org)



### Hot Shot Basketball Contest

Saturday, Jan. 9 • 9 AM - 11 AM

**Waterville Jr. High School**

**FMI:** [www.waterville-me.gov/departments/parks](http://www.waterville-me.gov/departments/parks)

### Nunsensations

Feb. 5, 6, 12, 13 • 7:30 PM

Feb. 7 & 14 • 2:00 PM

**Waterville Opera House**

**FMI:** [www.operahouse.org](http://www.operahouse.org)



### Winter Carnival

Sunday, Feb. 7 • 12:30-2:30 PM

**Skowhegan Community Center**

**FMI:** [www.skoweganchamber.com](http://www.skoweganchamber.com)

### Father/Daughter Dance

Friday, Feb. 12 • 6:00-8:00 PM

**Waterville Junior High School**

**FMI:** [www.waterville-me.gov/departments/parks](http://www.waterville-me.gov/departments/parks)

### Chocolate Festival

Saturday, Feb. 13 • 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

**Fairfield Community Center**

**FMI:** [antonia.smith@earthlink.net](mailto:antonia.smith@earthlink.net)

### Mardi Gras in Hallowell

Saturday, Feb. 13

**Hallowell, Maine**

**FMI:** 620-7477

[www.maine.info](http://www.maine.info)



### Bela Fleck and the Africa Project (Concert)

Friday, Feb. 26 • 8:00 PM

**Waterville Opera House**

**FMI:** [www.operahouse.org](http://www.operahouse.org)